(b) to (f). Various possibilities w.r.t utilisation of land as per the land-use assigned to the plots in the Zonal Plan are being explored. In the process of redevelopment, eligible squatters will also be rehabilitated at the designated sites meant for such rehabilitation

[English]

Subsidiaries of South Eastern Coalfields Limited

471 SHRI K PRADHANI Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state

(a) the number of industries in Bilaspur division which have been accorded the status of the subsidiaries for supply of material to South Eastern Coalfields Limited alongwith the number out of them, in production at present,

(b) the amount spent annually by South Eastern Coalfields Limited for making purchases alongwith the value of order out of the same placed with the subsidiaries in Bilaspur,

(c) whether the South Eastern Coalfields Limited is making full use of the capacity of subsidiaries situated in Bilaspur, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) (a) 93 Nos of industrial units of Bilaspur Division have been accorded ancillary status by South Eastern Coalfields Ltd Out of them, 49 units are in active production at present

(b) The value of purchase by SECL during the year 1995-96 was around Rs 364 crores (Provisional) Out of this the value of orders placed on the ancillary industries was Rs 12 85 crores

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) (i) SECL has endeavoured that full capacity of its ancillary units are gainfully utilised Ancillary units are also being encouraged to develop additional items so that they can be considered for granting ancillary status for these items which will enhance utilisation of their rated capacity

(ii) For making full use of the capacity of the ancillary units, various seminars, exhibitions and plant level Advisory Committee meetings are regularly organised which provide a forum for discussions of various problems and sorting them out

(iii) Enterpreneures are also encouraged to develop one or more products for which SECL is providing them drawings material composition and other technical service back up alongwith assured market

Lodging Arrangement for Haj Pilgrims

472. DR. M P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether expenditure on lodging and boarding arrangement for Haj pilgrims in the country as well as in Makkah is borne by the Government,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of officials/non officials who are entitled to occupy such arrangement on the Government expenses,

(d) whether there is ceiling on such number

(e) if so, the details thereof, and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I K GUJRAL) (a) and (b) No Sir Government of India does not incur any expenditure for boarding or lodging of Haj Pilgrims in Makkah According to Saudi Government regulations, all the Haj pilgrims are required to have their accommodation arranged prior to their arrival under the Reserved Accommodation Scheme (RAS) With the assistance of CGI, Jeddah the Central Haj Committee (CHC) undertakes booking of accommodation units in Makkah and Madina for the Indian pilgrims who go for Haj under the arrangements made by the CHC The pilgrims pay for their accommodation and also spend on boarding from their own resources

While in transit at the embarkation points in India before going on Haj, many pilgrims avail of the transit facilities organised by individuals and the State Haj Committee

(c) to (f) Government of India does not sponsor any official/non-official for Haj at its expenses However, for the assistance of the Indian pilgrims in Saudi Arabia, the Government sends administrative and medical staff on short duration temporary duty For Haj-1996, when more than 30,000 pilgrims proceeded for Haj under the arrangements made through the Haj Committee, an administrative contingent of 100 Haj Assistants and Assistant Haj Officers, 100 doctors and 100 para-medics was deputed to Saudi Arabia While there is no ceiling on the number of the administrative/medical staff the strength of the contingent is decided by the Government on the basis of perceived needs and requirements The administrative and medical staff are provided air passage, camp-like lodging in Saudi Arabia and are paid foreign allowance as admissible

In addition, a Haj Goodwill Delegation consisting of Eminent persons from different walks of life is